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As the former Michigan Guardianship Ombudsman, I would oppose any reduction in the frequency or quality of court reviews of guardianships of legally incapacitated individuals, as would be possible under the proposed amendments of MCR 5.408. While providing local flexibility is appealing, and cost savings are desirable, the currently required review schedule is the minimum needed to protect these individuals, not the maximum.

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